REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted after receipt of the Notice of Allowance and is in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.312. It is submitted that entry of this amendment clearly is warranted under the present circumstances for the following reasons.

The Examiner in charge of the above-identified application contacted the undersigned on October 14, 2004, requesting authority to enter an Examiner's Amendment to label Figs. 6a, 6b and 7-11 as --Prior Art--, in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Further, the Examiner indicated that she would be willing to amend the claims, via an Examiner's Amendment, to remove the "means-plus-function" and "step-plus-act" format prior to allowing the application.

On October 15, 2004, the undersigned provided the Examiner with authority to label Figs. 6a, 6b and 7-11 as --Prior Art-- via an Examiner's Amendment. Further, the undersigned provided the Examiner with marked-up pages indicating proposed amendments for claims 1-16 to be entered via an Examiner's Amendment as indicated by the Examiner, so that the claims would not be construed under 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph.

The Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowability dated October 27, 2004 generally corresponds to the proposed amendments provided by the undersigned, with the exception of a few instances described in more detail below.

The present amendment to claim 1 was additionally proposed by the undersigned and should have been entered via an Examiner's amendment.

Consideration of the amendment to claim 1 will not require any substantial amount of additional work on the part of the PTO.

This amendment was not presented previously, since the Examiner allowed this application on the first examination.

As such, it is submitted that entry of the present amendment clearly is warranted, and such entry hereby is requested.

Furthermore, there are a few minor grammatical and typographical inconsistencies in the Examiner's Amendment which are clarified in more detail below.

Specifically, in the Examiner's Amendment:

Page 3, lines 14 and 15, which reads "line 11 delete 'receiving means for updating' insert --receiver, operable to update--;" should read –line 11 delete 'receiving means, for updating' insert --receiver, operable to update--;–;

Page 3, lines 17 and 18, which reads "line 15, delete 'a packet transmission means for transmitting' insert –a packet transmitter operable to transmit--;" should read –line 15 delete "packet transmission means for transmitting" insert --a packet transmission--;–;

Page 4, lines 14 and 15, which reads "line 12, delete 'a packet transmission means for transmitting' insert –a packet transmitter operable to transmit--;" should read –line 12 delete "packet transmission means for transmitting" insert --a packet transmitter operable to transmit--;–;

Page 5, line 1, which reads "line 24, delete 'compression means', insert –compressor--;" should read –line 23, delete "compression means," insert --compressor--;–;

Page 5, line 6, which reads "Line 6, delete 'means', insert –unit--;" should read –Claim 6, line 3 delete "means", insert --unit--;–;

Page 5, line 7, which reads "Line 7, insert –a-- delete "management means for storing and managing" and insert –manager operable to store and manage--;" should read –Claim 7, line 5 insert –a-- delete "management means for storing and managing" and insert --manager operable to store and manage--;–;

Page 5, line 13, which reads "Line 11, delete 'packet receiving means for updating' insert –a packet receiver operable to update-;" should read –Line 11, delete "packet receiving means, for updating" insert --a packet receiver, operable to update--;–;

Page 5, line 15, which reads "Line 13, delete 'decompression means' insert –decomprosser--;" should read –Line 13, delete "decompressing" insert --to decompress--;–;

Page 6, line 10, which reads "Line 11 delete 'a packet compression step' insert –compressing a packet--;" should read –Line 11 delete "packet compression step" insert --compressing a packet--;–;

Page 6, line 13, which reads "Line 18, delete 'a packet compression step' insert –compressing a packet--;" should read –Line 18, delete "packet compression step" insert --compressing a packet--;–;

Page 6, line 15, which reads "Claim 10, line 3, delete 'a mode determination step' insert --switching--;" should read –Claim 10, line 3, delete "mode determination step" insert --switching--;–;

Page 7, line 2, which reads "Line 27-28, delete 'a mode determination step of' insert –switching--;" should read –Line 27-28, delete "mode determination step" insert --switching--;–;

Page 7, line 3, which reads "Line 29, delete 'a mode determination step of' insert –switching--;" should read –Line 29, delete "mode determination step" insert --switching--;–;

Page 7, line 6, which reads "Claim 12, line 3, delete 'a mode determination step of' insert –switching--;" should read –Claim 12 line 3, delete "mode determination step" insert --switching--;–;

Page 7, line 7, which reads "Claim 13, delete 'a packet compression step' insert –compressing a packet by--;" should read –Claim 13, line 5 delete "a packet compression step of" insert --compressing a packet by--;–;

Page 7, line 11, which reads "Line 17, delete 'delay time measuring step of';" should read –Line 17, delete "a delay time measuring step of"; –;

Page 7, lines 18-20, which read "Lines 8-9 delete 'a packet decompression step, provided with the packet received in said packet receiving step for', insert –decompressing a packet received during said receiving, by--;" should read –Lines 8-9 delete "a packet decompression step of, provided with the packet received in said packet receiving step," insert --decompressing a packet received during said receiving, by--;–;

Page 7, line 22, which reads "Line 17, delete 'a packet decompression step' insert –decompressing a packet--;" should read –Line 17, delete "packet decompression step" insert --decompressing a packet--;–; and

Page 8, line 3, which reads "Line 29, delete 'a mode determination step of';" should read –Line 29, delete "a mode notification step of"; –.

Furthermore, because this Amendment is responsive to a First Action allowance accompanied with an Examiner's Amendment, it is submitted that the Applicants have engaged in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the patent term adjustment not be reduced under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704.

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